1	2	3	4	5
6	Gurgaon - Kotputli - Jaipur - Six Lane (Km. 42.70 to Km. 273.00) on NH-8	V	Haryana 64.30/ Rajasthan 161.30	-
7	Chennai Tada - Six Lane (Km. 11.00 to Km. 54.40) on NH - 5	V	Tamil Nadu	-

NHDP - National Highways Development Project
BOT - Build, Operate and Transfer

Four-lanning of NH-215

728. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Golden Quadrilateral, East-West and North-South Corridor works has already been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has an action plan to complete four-lane work of National Highway-215 origination from Panikoeli to Rajamunda in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Out of a total length of 5,846 kms four-laning has been completed for 5,698 kms of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ). Out of total length of 7,142 kms of North-South and East-West corridors, four-laning has been completed for 2,838 kms. There have been some delays in the completion of some contracts under GQ due to poor performance of contractors. The delay in the North-South and East-West Corridor is attributable to problems associated with land acquisition, delay in shifting of utilities, delay in obtaining clearances for cutting of trees, and adverse law and order problems in some States.

(c) Four-laning work of entire NH-215 in the Orissa State has been identified under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. The Request For Qualification (RFQ) applications for the project of four laning of NH-215 from Panikoilli-Rimuli (166.17 km) and Rimuli-Roxy-Rajamunda (96.45 km) have been evaluated. Request For Proposals (RFP) have also been issued to the short listed bidders for award of the project on Build, Operate and Transfer (Toll) basis.

Maritime university in Gujarat

729. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Maritime Universities in India;

(b) the status of setting up of Maritime University in Gujarat; and

(c) the reasons for not establishing a Maritime University in Gujarat in spite of its long coastline and huge Maritime development taking place?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) There is only one such deemed University.

There is no proposal for setting up of Maritime University in Gujarat. However, there is a proposal to establish Indian Maritime University as a Central University in Chennai with campuses in Kolkata, Mumbai and Visakhapatnam. Requirement of more Universities depends on experience gained from establishing the Indian Maritime University and other enabling factors like availability of land, resources and presence of Maritime Institutes in the region.

Vadodara-Mumbai expressway

730. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3351 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 2008 and state:

(a) whether the Consultant has started the work for fixing of alignment (First phase) regarding Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway; and

(b) by when the bids are likely to be invited for the subsequent phases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal for feasibility study has already been invited. After completion of feasibility study, the Request for Qualification is likely to be invited by the end of June 2009.

Enhancing port capacity

731. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maritime Board has been asked to enhance port capacity in respective States in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the date by which this decision is to be implemented by the Maritime Boards; and

(c) whether there is any provision of financial assistance from Centre for enhancing port capacity?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Five Year Plan has projected that the capacity of the Non-major ports will increase to 575 Million Tones Per Annum (MTPA) by 2011-12. However, the responsibility for the development for development of Non-major ports rests with the concerned State Governments or authorities constituted by the State Government for this purpose.

(c) There is a Scheme in the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways under which assistance is provided by the Government of India to State Governments for the purpose of preparing feasibility report, environment impact assessment studies, hydrographic and other technical service/advice, preparation of bid documents and similar purposes.

Six-laning of NH

732. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: